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SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 17 June 2002

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

60th meeting

Financial reports and audited statements and reports of the Board of Auditors [120]

(a) United Nations peacekeeping operations

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Committee had before it draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.64 submitted by the Chairman, which had been coordinated by the representative of Egypt.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [121]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman of the Committee introduced draft decision A/C.5/56/L.85.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [122]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

FIFTY-SIXTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The 105th plenary meeting of the General Assembly will be held on Thursday, 27 June 2002, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 1, to consider reports of the Fifth Committee, as well as a request contained in a letter from the Permanent Representative of Japan (A/56/985).

Note: The PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA and the SUMMARY OF MEETINGS of bodies other than those of the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session appear in Part II (English/French) of the present issue of the *Journal* (No. 2002/117 (Part II)).

The Committee had before it draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.63 which had been coordinated by the representative of Ukraine and Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 [123]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Conditions of service for judges of the International Court of Justice, the International Tribunal for Rwanda and the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia

The representative of Namibia, coordinator of informal consultations on this question, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.62.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Estimates in respect of matters of which the Security Council is seized

The representative of Belgium, coordinator of informal consultations on this question, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.83.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Strengthening the security and safety of United Nations premises

The Committee had before it draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.86 submitted by the Chairman, which had been coordinated the representative of Sweden.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Proposals to implement General Assembly resolution 56/242

The representative of Singapore, coordinator of informal consultations on this question, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.92.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Services extended to the Counter-Terrorism Committee

The representative of Ukraine, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on this question, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.93.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Controller made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [133]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Financing of the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi

The representative of India, coordinator of informal consultations on this question, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.76.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Field assets control system

The representative of Nepal, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on this question, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.77.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Entitlement to restitution to the United Nations

The representative of Canada, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on this question, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.84.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Strategic deployment stocks

The representative of India, coordinator of informal consultations on this question, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.87.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Support account

The representative of Canada, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on this question, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.91.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Support Account for peacekeeping operations and financing of the United Nations Logistics Base, Brindisi, Italy

The Controller made a statement and introduced a note by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/56/45), which contained the amounts to be apportioned in respect of each peacekeeping mission, including the prorated share of the support account and the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided, without a vote, to take note of the amounts set out in the table to the annexed note.

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement.

Write-off of contingent-owned equipment

The Chairman of the Committee introduced draft decision A/C.5/56/L.94.

The Committee adopted, without a vote the draft decision.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

The representative of Canada, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on this question, introduced draft decision A/C.5/56/L.95.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East [134]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

(a) United Nations Disengagement Observer Force

The representative of Nepal, Vice-Chairman of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on this item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.72.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made a statement.

(b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon

The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.70, introduced by the representative of Venezuela (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) at the Committee's 56th meeting held on Monday, 20 May.

The representative of the United States requested that a recorded vote in one block be taken on the fourth preambular paragraph and operative paragraphs 3, 4 and 13.

The Committee then proceeded to vote on the fourth preambular paragraph and operative paragraphs 3, 4 and 13 of draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.70, which were retained by a recorded vote of 74 votes to 2, with 36 abstentions.

The representative of the United States made a statement and then requested that a recorded vote be taken on the draft resolution as a whole.

The Committee then proceeded to vote on draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.70 as a whole, which was adopted by a recorded vote of 110 to 2.

Statements in explanation of position after the vote were made by the representatives of Venezuela (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Spain (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Turkey and Liechtenstein), Australia (on behalf of Canada, New Zealand and Australia), Japan, Lebanon and Pakistan.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo [135]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Indonesia, coordinator of informal consultations on this item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.65.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor [136]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Argentina, coordinator of informal consultations on this item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.78.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea [137]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Argentina, coordinator of informal consultations on this item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.66.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola [138]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Brazil, coordinator of informal consultations on this item, introduced draft decision A/C.5/56/L.80.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991) [139]

(a) United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Algeria, coordinator of informal consultations on this item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.67.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone [141]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Uruguay, Rapporteur of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on this item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.68.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The representative of Japan made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara [142]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of the Philippines, coordinator of informal consultations on this item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.81.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Financing of the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force [144]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Australia, coordinator of informal consultations on this item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.88.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Financing of the United Nations Protection Force, the United Nations Confidence Restoration Operation in Croatia, the United Nations Preventive Deployment Force and the United Nations Peace Forces headquarters [146]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Australia, coordinator of informal consultations on this item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.89.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Financing of the United Nations Operation in Somalia II [147]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Australia, coordinator of informal consultations on this item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.79.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus [149]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Poland, coordinator of informal consultations on this item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.69.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia [150]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Poland, coordinator of informal consultations on this item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.71.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Financing of the United Nations Mission in Haiti [151]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Belgium, coordinator of informal consultations on this item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.74.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina [154]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Australia, coordinator of informal consultations on this item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.73.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Financing of the United Nations Transitional Administration for Eastern Slavonia, Baranja and Western Sirmium and the Civilian Police Support Group [155]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Australia, coordinator of informal consultations on this item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.90.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Financing of the United Nations Support Mission in Haiti, the United Nations Transition Mission in Haiti and the United Nations Civilian Police Mission in Haiti [156]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Belgium, coordinator of informal consultations on this item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.75.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Financing of the United Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo [158]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of Uruguay, Rapporteur of the Committee and coordinator of informal consultations on this item, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/56/L.82

The Committee adopted, without a vote the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Closure of the work of the second part of the resumed session of the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly at the fifty-sixth session

The Chairman made a statement and declared closed the work of the second part of the resumed session of the Fifth Committee of the General Assembly at the fifty-sixth session.

Tuesday, 18 June 2002

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

103rd plenary meeting

Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]*: Meeting of the General Assembly devoted to information and communication technologies for development*

The General Assembly heard statements by Mr. Nenad Prelog, Assistant Minister for Foreign Affairs of Croatia; the representatives of Costa Rica and Myanmar; Mr. Rodrigo Robles, Coordinator of International Affairs, Division of Telecommunications of Guatemala; the representatives of Australia, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Nepal, Morocco, Bangladesh and Suriname; Mr. Pakamile Pongwane, Deputy Director-General, Telecommunications Policy of South Africa; the representative of Thailand; Mr. Jozsef Györkös, State Secretary, Ministry of Information Society of Slovenia; and the representatives of Burkina Faso, Israel, Belgium, Latvia, Italy and Zambia.

104th plenary meeting

Report of the Economic and Social Council [12]*: Meeting of the General Assembly devoted to information and communication technologies for development*

The General Assembly heard statements by the representatives of India, Jordan, Indonesia, Mexico and Tunisia; H.E. The Honourable Turner Isoun, Minister of Science and Technology of Nigeria; and the representatives of Panama, Brazil and Cuba.

In accordance with the decision taken by the General Assembly at its 101st plenary meeting, on 17 June 2002, H.E. Archbishop John Foley, President, Pontifical Council for Social Communications of the Holy See made a statement.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 33/18 of 10 November 1978 and decision 54/453 of 18 December 1998, the observer for the International Organization of la Francophonie made a statement.

In accordance with the decision taken by the General Assembly at its 101st plenary meeting, on 17 June 2002, the observer of Switzerland made a statement.

In accordance with the decision taken by the General Assembly at its 101st plenary meeting, on 17 June 2002, the Chairmen of the informal panels, H.E. Mr. Jean-David Levitte (France), and H.E. Mr. Abdul Mejid Hussein (Ethiopia), presented the summaries of their respective panels.

The Acting President made a concluding statement, on behalf of the President.

The meeting of the General Assembly devoted to information and communication technologies for development was thus concluded.

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